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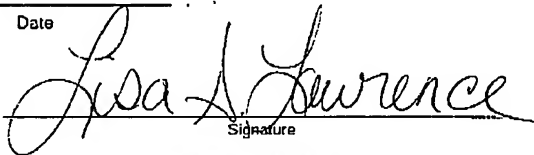
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In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Elections/Restrictions begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4
of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Elections/Restrictions

Applicant acknowledges making a provisional election with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, which corresponds to figures 1-5 and claims 1-3.